

**Important Dates:**

**8/22 – PTO Meeting**

**8/22 – Color Walk Launch**

**8/22 – Mock Schedule 7/8**

**8/28 – Mock Schedule K-6**

**8/30 – Spirit Wear Day**

**9/13 – Last day to order CW shirt**

**10/4 – Color Walk**

**11/7 – PTO meeting 8am**

**\*See Stewardship update for Stewardship Friday dates**

**Date:** February 8, 2024

**Prayer and Introductions**

**Presidents Report – Sarah Hill**

* Board Introduction
  + President- Sarah Hill
  + Vice President – Amanda Gray
  + Treasurer – Lauren Mudd
  + Secretary – Katie Sullivan
  + Director of Communication & Engagement – Lauren Alderman
* New Board Position – Director of Communication & Engagement
  + All PTO communications will be driven through the Pony
  + Subscribe to Google calendar, iCalendar – official school calendar plus extra dates
  + Will highlight what the PTO is putting money towards in effort to keep everyone in the loop
  + Streamline communication
  + Make social media posts to help get community engaged

**Treasurers Report – Lauren Mudd**

* Currently have $119,000
* Budgeted to spend $98,000
  + Examples – curriculum, parties, field day, supplies in classrooms, supporting various needs of our teachers, teacher luncheons, recess equipment, etc

**Vice Presidents Report – Amanda Gray**

* Reminder of Policies and Procedures
  + One ask initiative for fundraising – no requests for gift cards, donation, or anything extra throughout the year
  + Cash Flow - allow PTO to use our funds to order whenever possible and limit reimbursement
  + Compliance – Safe Environment Training (SET) and background check compliance for all volunteers – this must be completed to volunteer with children under 18

**Spirit Wear Update – Katie Sullivan**

* Pink shirts were added to the spirit wear website
* Spirit wear is sent home from school with your child
* Website – CelticSpiritWear.com
* Contact – [CelticSpiritWear@gmail.com](mailto:CelticSpiritWear@gmail.com)

**Step by Step Stewardship Program – Kelsey Schuhmann & Heather Lange**

* A responsibility of Christians to care for and manage God’s creation in whatever way God brings us into contact with it. Time, Talent, and Treasure
* Susan Reuter began the Step by Step Stewardship program in 2002
* WHY: to teach our students to recognize the gifts that God has given them
* FOCUS
  + K – Gratitude
  + 1 – Sacrifice
  + 2 – Gifts
  + 3 – Dignity
  + 4 – Humility
  + 5 – Integrity
  + 6 – Fellowship
* Kelsey Schuhmann – K – 3, Heather Lange – 4 – 6
* Stewardship Fridays – 9/27, 10/25, 12/6, 1/24, 2/28, 3/21

**Major Fundraiser – Lauren Mudd**

* THE COLOR WALK – Step Right Up!
  + Launched 8/22/24 – Fundraising begins
  + Circus Theme
  + 9/13 – Last day to purchase Color Walk shirt, last day for corporate donations
  + 10/4 – All students participate in the Color Walk during the school day – wear walk shirt & spirit wear approved bottoms
  + Website is live!
  + Signups for Color Walk volunteer will be pushed through the Pony
  + Volunteers will be chosen via randomizer to keep everything fair and transparent

**Plans for 24 – 25 Funds Raised – Sarah Hill**

* Fulfilling teacher needs – supplies, furniture in classrooms, etc
  + New whiteboards
  + Wed love to say “yes” to as many asks from teachers as we can
* Teacher Appreciation week
* Monthly teacher lunch from Chicken Salad chick
* Stocking teacher lounges with food and drink

**Principcals Report – Dr. Sturtzel**

* Life updates – a look into Dr. Sturtzel’s family life!
* 8/22 – 6:30 – 8:00 mock schedule for 7- 8
* 8/28 – 5:30 – 7:45 mock schedule for K – 6
  + K - 3 5:30 – 6:30
  + 4 – 6:45 – 7:45
* ~30 fewer students this year – due to moves, homeschooling, average transfers
* Each grade has roughly 62- 68 students, JK + K combined has 81 students, enrollment still strong
* Each class gets “flex time”
* Grade 4 and up will have mixed student class time – historically this has only been grades 7 & 8
* Cafeteria schedule – “waterfall” – grades come in every 10 minutes to avoid having to split lesson time, prevents the lunch line from getting backed up
* JK – 5 will have two recesses per day this year – to give children breaks, move their bodies
  + Morning exercise/snack break
  + Afternoon lunch/recess time
* Grades 7 & 8 wont do Friday Step by Step stewardship activities, but do have opportunities to give time, talent, treasure
* Importance of parents monitoring their child’s activity on social media. Inappropriate behavior on social media has lead to expel
* Discussed Energy Bus book – St. Patrick is Energy Bus certified (book free on Audible)
  + Create a positive vision
  + Fuel with positive energy
  + No bullies allowed
  + Love the passengers
  + Enjoy the ride